When Byrd married Larry Brown-ing, she had only known the sheltered life of a small town, but moving to

Then suddenly she became velife of a small town, but moving to Cleveland, she was soon hurled into the modern vortex that sucks at the youth of the city, whirling them about in the mad waters of extravagance, get-rich quick business and soft living. From the very beginning, Byrd began to struggle against the influences that were threatening her handsome, magnetic, speed-loving husband, influences which threatened to undermine his reputation and career, her own ambitions for a home and children and lastly, the very foundations of their marriage.

For the elements that were combin.

Growing impatient with the uncertain success of the Builders' Supply. Jack Duncan organized a subsidiary company to handle the sale of real estate. When Byrd refused to approve Larry's plan to buy stock in the new company and ask her father for another loan, Larry told her that the company must be reliable or the most important citizens of Clave. the most important citizens of Cleve-

Byrd was convinced of the soundness of Larry's argument, and as she started to write to her father, Pat announced that she, herself, had sent him a request for funds the preceding day.

cleanliness and order above all things, she spent the day cleaning the place.

Byrd smiled wryly as she

father. On the condition that she invest act replica of herself, done up in part of the money in a home and "a baby or two," Mr. Hamilton loaned her six thousand dollars. Byrd agreed to dissuade Larry from the second venture, sell way about it, either. When she found that India had been staying with t in the spartment.
(NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY)

CHAPTER XXXV think of Pat!

She seized the morning paper and began eagerly to look through the real estate ads.

Large estates and villas and sounded possible and within the

limit of ten thousand dollars. She shuddered at the prices. diculously high-priced and perhaps it was dangerous to the up so much money in a house, as Larry had repeatedly said. .

into it. . . . Byrd shuddered again, and closed her eyes. Then she herself by the shoulder. By both words, "Two persons in one fam- nevertheless, ily couldn't be extravagant!" If er things.

mind again, she had telephoned for a rag picker? I've just finsix real estate companies and had ished cleaning up the apartment.' raid she'd be ready to look at houses in the morning.

"-a nice-sized living room, kitchen downstairs and three in to do the cleaning?" rooms and a bath on the second and dollars-" She listened dublously. "Well, perhaps, considering the matter of reselling, perhaps four rooms and two baths versation. and a sun parlor might add to the calue of the house-" Byrd felt prickly all over when she thought of the elegance of two baths.

She felt that she had made a momentous decision, but she wondered how she would resist Larry's disapproval. For the knew Larry would disapprove. No wilted a little at the thought.

an imposing, expensive house or live at the Knickerbocker club! nothing. That was Larry for you. And secretly she admired that quality in him which molded his taste to everything that was the piped Tiny, rolling each sentence hest and, of course, expensive. It under her tongue to get the full certainly gave him a grand air of it is that Jack's begun to make ously successful business man to all their friends.

A hasty look around the apartrevealed several things. First, that Pat had left without Barnard, game warden, stood any breakfast, and second, that five hours on a small floating Pat had not followed her instruc- island on which he could neither tions to go to bed at a decent hour move about nor sft down, so that every night, for there had been he might trap a game laws ofa party the night before. Plenty fender. He got his man. of signs of it!

Some hasty cleaning up had been done, but there were still lemon and orange peelings piled high in the little enameled sink strainer and unwashed glasses on the sink—the tall kind that were letz Bay and the ocean. No better le

Her little apartment looked

READ THIS FIRST:
Through the loom of every marriage, there run many threads, gay and dark, and it depends upon the dexterity of the weavers, whether the pattern will be bright and cheerful or dark and threatening.

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Why, she hinted to Fred that had tried repeatedly to teach her fledglings to live decently and restricted bought some new clothes."

"Hush money!" Byrd almost some one whom we all know! thought of the van thought of the van dark and threatening.

"Before Jack started to make Can you beat it?" Tiny's voice her feel deathly ill.

For the elements that were combining against Byrd's happiness were many: Larry's partnership with unscrupulous Jack Duncan in a speculative scheme, floating the stock of the Builders' Surply company. scrupilous Jack Duncan in a speculative scheme, floating the stock of the Builders' Supply company; Larry's continual loans from Byrd's father, who was president of a bank; the succession of parties with a fast-moving crowd, consisting of Tiny and Fred Oberman, Jack and Margy Duncan, Chet Everson and India Campbell, a former sweetheart of Larry's: Larry's refusal to break off his friendship with India, his growing extravagance; the increasing difference over bills, and economies which couldn't pay for the week's grocery bill but could afford a case of Scotch; and finally, the further rupture caused by Pat's visit. Byrd's young sister, who should have had a firm and disciplinary hand.

Unsuccessful in her many attempts to—refine and educate Pat, who had become boisterous and a little wild, and who, under India's unhealthy influence, was beginning to think of giving up her business school to take a position in the department store where India, herself, worked, had started to take ballet dancing, and was spending every night of the week dancing with Eddie Worthington, Byrd decided that Larry must surely take a hand.

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Unsuccessful in her many attempts to refine and educate Pat, who had become and to leave or become a slave in her own weakness in submitting to such an arrangement. The editor's comments were that the woman enjoyed being a martyr. And she hadn't the least sympathy for her. Not the least!

"That's exactly what's happening to were proved to the proved the proved to the proved to the

Unsuccessful in her many attempts to refine and educate Pat, who had become and toasted some dry rolls. She boisterous and a little wild. Byrd appealed to Larry; but Larry, more amused than worried, encouraged her wayward ness by loaning her money and taking her to night clubs.

had become the little servant to the grandiloquent and care-free Larry, and was about to play the same role to the breezy and hansame role to the breezy and hap-

So, against her better judgland, including Chet Everson, wouldn't ment, and because she loved have invested in it. cleanliness and order above all

During Larry's absence on Builders' thought of the satisfaction it Supply matters. Byrd went to Jackson-ville to visit her father and mother, and incidentally discuss her affairs with her father. On the condition that the condition of the condition that the condition of the condition that the cond out his Builders Supply, and go into cleaned she cleaned with a ven-business for himself.

When Byrd returned to Cleveland she geance.

Byrd opened all the windows wide, and stood for a minute watching the clouds of little boats, with their myriad white Pat was in school, of course. sails plying across the blue heav-But Byrd couldn't stop now to ens and the fresh wind of the first day of September blew through the apartment.

She borrowed Mrs. Arrowsmith's vacuum cleaner and start-There were columns and col- ed on the rugs. She shook all the small ones out of the window letting them hang "to air" and manorial establishments down to even stuck the bulbous pillows four-room bungalows. Byrd got out, too. She washed up the floors and scrubbed the sticky kitchen floor on her hands and knees. She debated a long time about the outside of the windows. Ten thousand dollars would buy a but they were too grimy for mansion in lacksonville. It was She tied the clothesline mansion in Jacksonville. It was true that city real estate was rited it securely to the handle of the door.

At four o'clock she had finish ed. She stretched out on the day-Suppose something happened to enport to view her work and draw Larry's stock and they'd have to in long, satisfactory breaths of foreclose on the house. Maybe woolfy-smelling, soapy-smelling. just a month after they'd moved clean-smelling air before she took her bath.

The little knocker on the hall opened them quickly, and shook door clicked, and in walked Tiny. "Land 'o lakes and grasshopshoulders! Perfectly ridiculous! pers, where have you been keep. Why, she had almost talked her. ing yourself, Byrd-child?" Tiny's relf out of that house! She galvan- high soprano had a sharp note in ized her courage with her father's it. But she kissed Byrd heartily,

"I've been down home for al-Larry had regular monthly pay- most a week," explained Byrd, exments to make on a house, he just exaggerating a little, for Tiny was wouldn't have the money for oth- easily hurt. She explained that Pat had taken up much of her B fore she could change her time, too. "Don't I look a sight

"Well, for cryin' out loud," carolled Tiny, in her high, piercing voice, "why in the name of litbreakfast alcove, dining room and the fishes don't you get some one

floor, and not to exceed ten thous- any good," fibbed Byrd, but she "I haven't found any one that's said it quickly, as if she wanter to pass on to a safer topic of con-

"Well, I'll send you one that you can't complain of. My Julia! She'll clean this box of toothpicks and make it shine like a nickelplated Chevrolet.'

But Tiny hadn't come to tell Byrd how to run her house. She had given that up long ago. She had come to tell Byrd the latest doubt of that! There would sip. She had simply been bursting since she'd heard it from Fred Larry would say that he wanted last night! Jack Duncan had

"Nobody knows what's happened. Jack won't talk about it," savor of it. "And the funny part a wad of money from that stock

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But her eyes continued to hold the brooding look of large, purplish pansies. Then she squared her beautifully-rounded should-uzz. She wouldn't permit jamborees of this kind in her new house. Never! Byrd looked like

that he and Larry are selling." self in time. gaging a cook and a nursemaid. things."

she'd been down town, too, and "But if Jack's really left, Why, she hinted to Fred that ment to go plunging into an she wouldn't be such a fool as to sensation again, but steeled her-

all this money, she had threatened fairly palpitated with curiosity. Byrd got the full significance of "Well, I hope she'll have to get a divorce. She had talked The floor seemed suddenly to

"He just gave Margy a car enough sense to stick it out a lit- to Fred about it, and she told drop away from Byrd's feet. She drenched Byrd's face. of her own. And I was out Sat- tle longer," continued Tiny him she knew some things that felt as if she had been carried into urday to see her and she was en- "Money'll make up for lots of would open our eyes! I guess some high altitude where she some one whom we all know! thought of the vanity case made said, in a very small, voice.

ing so much money, and is willing ment. what's left for her to do?" asked Jack's been chasing around with abyss, far, far below. Just the start divorce proceedings," Byrd self for what Tiny was about to

But Tiny continued blissfully, is?" said Tiny, with the sudden, unconscious of the pallor that had bright look of revelation which children have when they are about "I think as long as Jack's mak- to make an astounding announce-

she'd been having him watched. hung suspended, ready at any mo- to provide for Margy decently, Byrd felt that strange, sinking

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